

## [James G. Eastman]

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### FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER George Hartman ADDRESS [3438?] W St., Lincoln,  
Nebraska

DATE October 26, 1938 SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant Eva Thies, 3900 Vine St.
2. Date and time of interview Tuesday, 8 to 11 a.m.
3. Place of interview 3900 Vine
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant None
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you  
None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

Comfortable

### FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER George Hartman ADDRESS [3438?] W St., Lincoln,  
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DATE October 25, 1936 SUBJECT Folklore

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Eva Thies, 3900 Vine St., Lincoln, Nebr.

1. Ancestry German
2. Place and date of birth Indiana, 1879
3. Family
4. Places lived in, with dates Indiana, 1879, South Dakota, Nebraska.
5. Education, with dates 8th grade, 2 years high school.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates Mother, housewife.
7. Special skills and interests Needlework.
8. Community and religious activities
9. Description of informant
10. Other points gained in interview

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

NAME OF WORKER George Hartman ADDRESS 2438 W St. Lincoln

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Eva Thies

The blizzard of January 12, [1888?] my husband was caught in it. The morning was nice and clear and not very cold. A few snowflakes seemed to come from nowhere. Then it

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grew colder and colder so fast that people could not get out of the way of it. When my husband saw how cold it was going to be he started from hotel on a board walk and crawled on his hands and knees to a school house where he knew that the teacher and eight children could not get out of the school house. He followed the board walk to keep track of the edge of the walk and brought back the teacher and children and kept them there until the next day at his hotel.

My father once killed sixty-four rattlesnakes in one day. He happened to be going on his horse and his horse shied away and he started killing the rattlers until sixty-four were dead.

My father once met a mountain lion which did not hurt him but gave him a wide path. This proved to him that the animal would not attack if unless attacked.

This song was sung about 70 years ago in school before the Civil War. Handed to George Hartman by Eva Thies, who remembered her father as singing it.

(Name not Known) It is not in the noisy street Where pleasures oft are found It is not where the idle meet Where Purest joys abound. But where the faithful teacher stands with firm but gentle rule Oh, that is just the place for me The [?] old common school. Chorus:

Oh, the school room thats the place for me We rarely find go where we will A happier set than we The stamps that's born On manhoods brow is traced with many a year The good or ill were doing now In future lives appears And as our fleeting hours we spend In sturdy toil or play We hope that each his aid will lend To cheer us on our way.

( Song, name unknown ) I saw a weary traveler, In tattered garments clad A wandering up the mountain. It seemed that he was sad His back was burdened heavy His strength was almost gone. But he shouted as he journeyed; "Deliverance will come."

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Chorus: Then palms of victory Crowns of glory Palms of victory I shall wear. I saw him in the evening The sweat was on his brow His garments were all dusty His step seemed very slow Still, he kept pressing onward for he was winding home but he shouted as he journeyed "Deliverance will come." Chorus Repeat: